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**TO:** Executive Board, Indiana State Department of Health

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**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Adoption of Amendments to the Universal Precautions Rule 410 IAC 1-4-8  
(LSA Doc. #09-810)

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), Surveillance and Investigation Division, requests the Executive Board, at the Executive Board's November 10, 2010 meeting, to adopt a final rule that amends 410 IAC 1-4-8 to incorporate best health care practices in order to provide greater protections to the public. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. The proposed final rule is attached.

This proposed final rule is an update to the Precautions generally Rule that was adopted in 1986. The Indiana Administrative Code (410 IAC 1-4-8(a)) currently requires all covered individuals and health care workers to comply with the requirements imposed under the Indiana occupational safety and health administration's bloodborne pathogens standards. The amendment to the rule will include, by reference, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings and the WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care ("Hand Hygiene Guidelines").

The Executive Board reviewed the proposed rule at its, November 10, 2009 meeting. After publishing the proposed rule, the ISDH conducted a public hearing on the proposed rule on August 5, 2010. A summary of public comments and the ISDH response to those comments is included.

Attachments: Proposed final rule  
Summary of comments and the ISDH's review of those comments  
Summary of changes from November's proposed rule  
Official record of comments and public hearings  
Small business economic impact statement  
IEDC Comments on economic impact statement